1	2	3	4
	NPK	MCFL	240.85
	DAP	MCFL	979.35
	DAP Nov-08 15043.60	ZIL NPK	0.00 FACT
	NPK	IFFCO	2574.05
	NPK	MCFL	294.10

Fortified and coated fertilizer

1290. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of rising fertilizers subsidy bill, Government has decided to put entire burden of additional secondary and micro-nutrients required to help to counter imbalanced fertilizers use in country on farmers;

(b) if so, whether Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs which met under Chairmanship of PM approved a policy for encouraging production and availability of fortified and coated fertilizers;

(c) if so, whether under the policy, manufacturer will be allowed to sell fertilizers coated or fortified with secondary or micro-nutrients up to a maximum of 5 per cent above notified maximum retail price for all fertilizers under fertilizer control order; and

(d) to what extent it will be helpful to both the farmer and to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a new policy for fortified/coated fertilizers with the objective to promote its production and application within the country. The application of secondary and micro-nutrients along with the primary nutrients is expected to promote balanced fertilization and lead to increased agricultural productivity. Under the new policy, the manufacturer is allowed to charge upto 5% more than the MRP in case of fortified/coated subsidized fertilizers except for Zincated Urea and Boronatecl SSP, for which the manufacturer is allowed a ceiling of 10% above MRP of Urea and SSP respectively.

The farmer is free to make its own rational decision based on crop and soil requirement as to whether the fortification/coating with secondary and micro-nutrients at an additional cost is going to provide an additional productivity leading to larger gain to the farmer. Moreover, the price band above MRP is also expected to breed competition amongst manufacturers to provide better fertilizer products to the farmers.

Direct subsidy to farmers

1291. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to provide direct fertilizers subsidy to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;